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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated June 18, 2003, for which a response was due on September 18, 2003, and for which a one-month extension of time is also requested to extend the time for response from September 18, 2003 to October 20, 2003 (the first business day following October 18, 2003), please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

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**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS**

**SPECIFICATION**

- There are no amendments to the specification.  
 Marked up replacement(s) paragraphs are presented in a separate section.

**CLAIMS**

- There are no amendments to the claims.  
 A complete listing of all claims ever present in this case in ascending order with status identifier is presented in a separate section.